TOY MONEY

SWITZERLAND

1888 – 2000

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Switzerland has an extensive history of toy money, going back well over one hundred years. A few series are listed in TOY COINS, by David de sola Rogers ("Rogers" for short), published by Galata, 1990. Since then many more Swiss toy coin and toy banknote series have come to light, and many varieties which were not yet published. No other publication is known listing Swiss toy money, hence this publication, or catalogue.

THE CATALOGUE

Switzerland uses four different languages: German, French, Italian, and Romansh. This next to "Schwiizerdütsch", and several dialects of Raetro – Romansh. Many people though speak English, and also with collectors outside Switzerland and Austria in mind, this work is written in English.

Denominations in Francs can be found written as Franc, Francs, Frank, Franken, FR, or Fr. : all are listed as found on the toy coins, or toy banknotes.

The catalogue includes the pieces found in one collection in Germany, one in Great Britain, and one in Switzerland. If a piece is not listed, it is not necessarily rare : it just wasn t present in one of the three collections.

RARITY AND PRICING

There isn t a "liquid" market for toy-coins : the pre-1940 pieces do not show up regularly, prices asked vary greatly. The post 1940 pieces are still found in unused playsets, with prices for a complete playset in the CHF 10 – CHF 20 range, so a lot of toy money pieces for little expense. Where pieces are Rare, Very Rare, or Extremely Rare this has been indicated in te text

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L. CHR. LAUER, NÜRNBERG – GERMANY, 1888

The Lauer company was founded in 1790, and has been manufacturing medals, decorations, and tokens for over two centuries. Under the name Lauer many play-money items were manufactured and exported to countries world-wide. Toy-coins were produced for – at least – 20 countries, including for Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, India (British), Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America, next to Germany.

The Lauer toy-coins are of high quality, with sharp minting, showing clear details, and with a strong likeness to the coinage of those countries at that time. To prevent confusion, the name “LAUER” is always on these toy-coins, and all are 13 millimetres in diameter (only).

For several countries Lauer also produce a round box, containing one complete series of miniature toy-coins. The Swiss box as an example is described below.

100: Round , brass box, obverse head of Helvetia to the left, text “MINIATURGELD ALLER VOLKER” (Miniature money of all people). Base lid, shield with Swiss cross within wreath, with text below “ L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG ”. Contains a complete set of each denomination of the 1888 Swiss Lauer coins. 36mm X 6mm. The box is Rare, with original content Very Rare.

The Swiss Lauer coins also have been found with other German-made boxes, manly of the matchbox type. These boxes were used as a low-cost packaging for different countries, hence not listed as Swiss.

101: 1 Rappen, copper, 1888. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text “L. C. LAUER”, 1888 below. Reverse “1” within wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

101a: 1 Rappen, as 101, but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

102: 2 Rappen, copper, 1888. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text “L. C. LAUER”, 1888 below. Reverse “2” within wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

102a: 2 Rappen, as 102, but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

103: 5 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse head of Helvetia, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “IM. L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG” 1888 below between **. Reverse “5” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

103b: 5 Rappen, as 103 but in iron. Plain edge, 13mm

104: 10 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse head of Helvetia right, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “IM. L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG” 1888 below between **. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

104a: 10 Rappen, as 104 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

104b: 10 Rappen, as 104 but in iron. Plain edge, 13mm

104c: 10 Rappen, as 104 but in white-plated iron. Plain edge, 13mm

105: 20 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse head of Helvetia right, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “IM. L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG” 1888 below between **. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

105a: 20 Rappen, as 105 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

105b: 20 Rappen, as 105 but in iron. Plain edge, 13mm

105c: 20 Rappen, as 105 but in white-plated iron. Plain edge, 13mm

106: 1/2 Franc, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “LAUER” in exergue. Reverse “1/2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Reeded edge, 13mm

106b: ½ Franc, as 106 but in iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

106c: ½ Franc, as 106, but in white-plated iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

107: 1 Franc, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “LAUER” in exergue. Reverse “1 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Reeded edge, 13mm

107b: 1 Franc, as 107 but in iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

108: 2 Francs, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “LAUER” in exergue. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Reeded edge, 13mm

108a: 2 Francs, as 108 but in zinc. Reeded edge, 13mm

108b: 2 Francs, as 108 but in iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

108c: 2 Francs, as 108 but in white-plated iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

109: 5 Francs, nickel-plated zinc, 1888. Obverse Helvetia seated with shield and plough, mountains behind. Text above “L. C. LAUER”, Paris mint marks, a hand and a rabbit’s head, in exergue. Reverse “5 Fr. “with date below, all within a wreath. Reeded edge, 13mm

109b: 5 Francs, as 109 but in iron. Reeded edge, 13mm

109c: 5 Francs, as 109, but in white-plated iron. Plain edge, 13mm

110: 10 Francs, brass, 1888. Obverse head of Helvetia left, dividing text “L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG”. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “10 Fr.”, with 1888 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

110a: 10 Francs, as 110 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

110b: 10 Francs, as 110 but in gilt brass. Plain edge, 13mm

111: 20 Francs, brass, 1888. Obverse head of Helvetia left, dividing text “L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG”. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “20 Fr.”, with 1888 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

111a: 20 Francs, as 111 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

111b: 20 Francs, as 111 but in gilt brass. Plain edge, 13mm

CONFOEDERATION HELVETIA – HORLOGERIE H. VOLLMAR BERNE, 1889

The company was established in 1907, and manufactured parts of watches including cases, mechanisms, and watch pointers. This cardboard piece will have been an advertising piece to promote the business.

Executed with great detail, and with a shiny “silver” look, a magnificent cardboard piece. Not a toy-coin but listed for completeness’ sake….

114: 5 Francs, silvered cardboard, 1889. Obverse head of Helvetia, with text “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA * 1889”. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “5 Fr”, all within a wreath, with text outside the wreath “HORLOGERIE H. VOLLMAR BERNE”, star and mintmark “B” below. Plain edge 35mm. Extremely Rare, only piece seen.

CONFOEDERATION HELVETIA – CARDBOARD, 1907

From an unknown manufacturer, and without other denominations known to match, this piece nevertheless looks like manufactured for educational purpose. In cardboard, with the details resembling the 5 Francs silver pieces in circulation around the turn of the 18th – 19th century. The dull grey finish might have been to clearly differentiate this piece from real money…….

116: 5 Francs, silvered cardboard, 1907. Obverse head of Helvetia, with text “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA * 1907”. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “5 Fr”, all within a wreath. Mintmark “B” below. Plain edge 36mm. Very rare, one of three pieces known

SCHULMÜNZE – MONNAIES ESCOLAIRE, NO DATE

140: An old school box filled with a good assortment of educational toy - coins, plus two “banknotes”. The 5 Francs piece is of the large format as used in real coins struck until 1928. Included are also copies of the brass 10 Rappen coins, minted 1918 – 1919. This indicates this box and content to be from the mid – 1920’. Box with content extremely rare, only one seen.

The box has 12 compartments, each on the bottom printed with sets of letters, so possibly a dual-purpose box, or a school-letter box used to store these educational monies. 310mm X 150mm X 15mm.

A series from an unknown manufacturer, possibly Swiss made. Likely mid – 1920's and executed to a high standard. No denominations on any of the coins, but clear numbers, "metal" finishes, and relative sizes made clear to children what these represent. The coins all haver the same obverse: a Swiss cross in rays, and in German and French confirming these are "School Money" pieces.

A nice series, scarce, with the ½ Franc, and 2 – and 5 Francs rare. The "banknotes" never seen other than with the above box: rare to very rare.

A second series was issued later: this includes the brass 5 Rappen, and the smaller sized 5 Francs. With a higher relief, and a shiny silvery finish, these were likely produced a decade or so later. See numbers 201 – 211.

141: 1 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text "MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*". Reverse "1" within wreath. Beaded border both sides Plain edge, 14mm

141a: 1 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. As 141 but coarse surfaces, considered a Sample piece. 17mm

142: 2 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text "MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*". Reverse "2" within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 19mm

142a: 2 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. As 142 but coarse surfaces, considered a Sample piece. 19mm

143: 5 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text "MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*". Reverse "5" within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 16mm

144: 10 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text "MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*". Reverse "10" within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 18mm

144a: 10 Rappen, no date. As 144 but yellow coated cardboard. 18mm

145: 20 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text "MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*". Reverse "20" within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 21mm

145a: 20 Rappen, no date. As 145 but yellow coated cardboard. 21mm

146: ½ Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “1/2” within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 18mm

147: 1 Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “1” within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 22mm

148: 2 Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “2” within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 27mm

149: 5 Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “5” within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 38mm

The following pieces are sometimes found with the above series, but not certain if from the same manufacturer, or if distributed as part of this series.

150: 10 Francs, bronzed cardboard, 1912.

151: 20 Francs, gilt cardboard, 1935.

152: 100 Francs, yellow cardboard, no date. Uniface with text 100 Fr”. 70mm X 48mm

155: 1‘000 Francs, dark green cardboard, no date. Uniface, text “1000 Fr”. 80mm X 48mm

SCHWEIZER SPIELMÜNZEN, 1926

From an unknown manufacturer this series of 1926 dated toy-coins. They are not of the high manufacturing standard as, for instance, L. Chr. Lauer, Nürnberg, Germany, but nevertheless copy the 13mm diameter. Possibly Huguenin Frères, Le Locle, were involved: information appreciated!

Many varieties are known in different materials and dies used. Coins with very clear details are known next to (uncirculated) strikes with weak details. All of this indicates these toy coins were produced over an extensive period using more than one die.

The lid of a box in aluminium is known which was found together with an assortment of these coins hence attributed to this series.

160: A high-quality copy of the reverse of a 5 Francs, large size, as minted in 1923 in Bern. This lid was found with the coins below, hence allocated to this series, The base was not present – no doubt will turn up somehow! Very rare, only two pieces seen.

161: 1 Rappen, copper plated iron, 1926. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text "SCHULMÜNZE", 1926 below. Reverse "1" 5mm tall, within wreath. Pearls close to edge. Plain edge, 13mm

161a: as 161, 1 Rappen , copper plated iron, 1926, but pearls away from edge. 13mm

161b: 1 Rappen, as 161, but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

161c: 1 Rappen, as 161, but reverse "1" 3.5mm tall. Plain edge, 13mm

162: 2 Rappen, copper plated iron, 1926. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text "SCHULMÜNZE", 1926 below. Reverse "2" within wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

163: 5 Rappen, nickel-plated iron, 1926. Obverse head of Helvetia. Text "*SCHWEIZER SPIELMÜNZE*" 1926 below between **. Reverse "5" within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

163a: 5 Rappen, as 163 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

163b: 5 Rappen, as 163 but in tin-plated iron. Plain edge, 13mm

164: 10 Rappen, tin-plated iron, 1926. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text "SCHWEIZER SPIELMÜNZE*" 1926 below between **. Reverse "10" within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

164a: 10 Rappen, as 164 but in iron. Plain edge, 13mm

165: 20 Rappen, iron, 1926. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text "SCHWEIZER SPIELMÜNZE*" 1926 below between dots. Reverse "20" within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

165a: 20 Rappen, as 165 but in zinc. 1926 between dots. Plain edge, 13mm

165b: 20 Rappen, as 165 but in tin-plated iron, and 1926 not between dots. Plain edge, 13mm

165c: 20 Rappen, iron, as 165 but 1926 not between dots and "20" higher / decentral within the oak wreath

166: 1/2 Franc, tin-plated iron, 1926. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars, three stars in exergue. Reverse "1/2 Fr." with date 1926 below, all within a wreath. Large pearls. Plain edge, 13mm

166a: ½ Franc, tin-plated iron, as 166 but small pearls. 13mm

167: 1 Franc, nickel-plated iron, 1926. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Three stars in exergue. Reverse "1 Fr." with date 1926 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

167a: 1 Franc, as 167, but in zinc. 13mm

168: 2 Francs, nickel-plated iron, 1926. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Three stars in exergue. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date 1926 below, all within a wreath. Large pearls. Plain edge, 13mm

168a: 2 Francs, nickel-plated iron, 1926, as 168 but small pearls. 13mm

169: 5 Francs, nickel-plated iron, 1926. Obverse Wilhelm Tell facing right, text “SCHWEIZER SPIELMÜNZE” above. Reverse shield with cross “5 FR “ above, date 1926 below, wreath to left and right of portrait. Large pearls. Plain edge, 13mm

169a: 5 Francs, nickel-plated iron, 1926. As 169 but small pearls. 13mm

170: 10 Francs, brass, 1926. Obverse laureate head of Helvetia left, text above “SPIELMÜNZE””. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “10 Fr.”, with 1926 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

170a: 10 Francs, brass, 1926. As 170 but Umlaut only one (instead of two) dot. 13mm

171: 20 Francs, brass, 1926. Obverse laureate head of Helvetia left, text above “SPIELMÜNZE””. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “20 Fr.”, with 1926 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

171a: 20 Francs, brass, 1926. As 171 but Umlaut only one (instead of two) dot. 13mm

171b: 20 Francs, 1926, as 171 but in zinc. 13mm

HUGUENIN FRÈRES, LE LOCLE, 1901, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1931, 1933

The company was 1868 in Le Locle, Switzerland, and installed their first balance press to produce their first medal in 1888. Huguenin produced coins for countries including Estland, Lithuenia, Poland, Liechtenstein, Iraq, Syria, Bolivia, South Korea to name a few. Medals, including shooting talers, were produced for clients in Switzerland and abroad. The Fribourg 1934 5 Francs shooting taler was minted by them as well.

Other products the company became famous for included cases for pocket – watches and sport goblets.

The series produced as toy- money was widely distributed in Switzerland for play / pretend purposes, and for educational purposes at primary schools. The dates on the coins are different, but as no other dates for each denomination are known the varying dates must have been on purpose, representing a true picture of what could be found in a cash till, or purse, before World War two.

All coins are with plain edge, and 13mm in diameter, copying the Lauer standard format for toy-coins. Metal varieties exist, small die-variances as well. The series is scarce, with the 10 – and 20 francs pieces rare.

181: 1 Rappen, copper, 1914. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text “HUGUENIN LOCLE”, 1914 below. Reverse “1” within wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

181a: 1 Rappen, as 181 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm. Rare

182: 2 Rappen, copper, 1914. Obverse shield on wreath, cap above and text “HUGUENIN LOCLE”, 1914 below. Reverse “2” within wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

182a: 2 Rappen, as 182 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm. Rare

182b: 2 Rappen, as 182 but in tin. Plain edge, 13mm

183: 5 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1931. Obverse head of Helvetia, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “HUGUENIN LE LOCLE” 1931 below between **. Reverse “5” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

184: 10 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1931. Obverse head of Helvetia right, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “HUGUENIN LE LOCLE” 1931 below between **. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

185: 20 Rappen, nickel-plated zinc, 1931. Obverse head of Helvetia right, “LIBERTAS” incuse in the tiara. Text “HUGUENIN LE LOCLE” 1931 below between **. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

186: 1/2 Franc, nickel-plated zinc, 1920. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “HUGUENIN” in exergue. Reverse “1/2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

186a: ½ Franc, as 186 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

187: 1 Franc, nickel-plated zinc, 1920. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “HUGUENIN” in exergue. Reverse “1 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

187a: 1 Franc, as 187 but in zinc. Plain edge, 13mm

187b: 1 Franc, as 187 but in plated iron, and chain of stars. Plain edge, 13mm

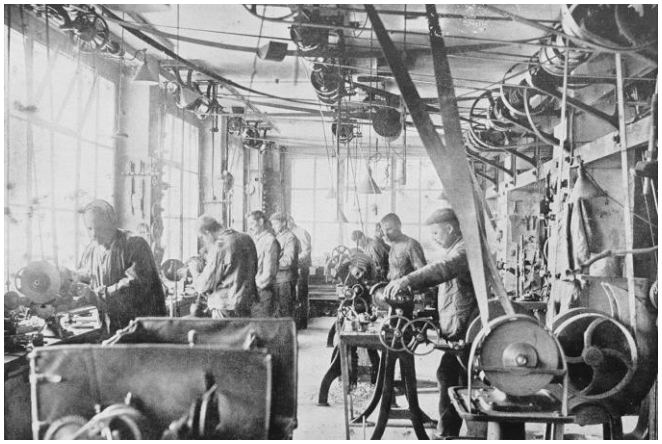
188: 2 Francs, nickel-plated zinc, 1920. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. “HUGUENIN” in exergue. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

189: 5 Francs, nickel-plated zinc, 1933. Obverse Wilhelm Tell facing right, text above “HUGUENIN LOCLE”. Reverse shield with cross, “5 FR. “above shield, date 1933 and mintmark “B” below, wreath to left and right. Plain edge, 13mm. Rare

190: 10 Francs, brass, 1919. Obverse laureate head of Helvetia left, dividing text “L. CHR. LAUER NÜRNBERG”. Reverse shield with cross, with 5-pointed star over dividing “10 Fr.”, with 1888 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

191: 20 Francs, brass, 1901. Obverse laureate head of Helvetia left, mountains background. Text above “HUGUENIN LOCLE”. Reverse cross over rays above, dividing “10 FR.”, with 1919 below, leaves below. Plain edge, 13mm

191a: 20 Francs, as 191 but in brass plated iron. Plain edge, 13mm



Inside the Huguenin Frères et Cie factory built in 1899.

BANKNOTES, STYLE 1940's – 1950's, NO DATE

Three denomination of Swiss play banknotes are known, without clarity to which series of coins they belong. All three on coloured paper, uniface, 75mm X 40mm. Information welcome…..

195: 10 Francs, dull pink paper printed in black. Woman standing left

196: 20 Francs, dull yellow printed in black. Woman standing left holding basket

197: 50 Francs, dull green paper printed in black. Woman standing left holding umbrella

SCHULMÜNZE – MONNAIES ESCOLAIRE, NO DATE

This series is from the same manufacturer as 141 – 149, with the "silver" and "gold" coins however slightly modernised. The "copper" and "nickel" coins are the same as 141 – 145, but with the addition of the "brass" 20 Rappen .

All from cardboard, same diameters as 141 – 149, except the 5 Francs, but on the obverse the cross is thinner the rays do not go outside the length & width of the cross, and the letters text are of a slimmer font. Overall, the design, especially the cross, has more relief than the coins from series 146 – 149. On the reverse the differences are less obvious. The 5 Francs is of the smaller diameter introduced as coinage in 1933.

Two series exist for the "silver" coins: one with a grey, matt surface, a second series with a shiny finish.

201: 1 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. As 141. Plain edge, 16mm

202: 2 Rappen, brown coated cardboard, no date. As 142. Plain edge, 20mm

203: 5 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. As 143. Plain edge, 16mm

204: 10 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. As 144. Plain edge, 19mm

204a: 10 Rappen, as 204 but brassy coating, no date. Plain edge, 19mm

205: 20 Rappen, silver coated cardboard, no date. As 145. Plain edge, 21mm

205a: 20 Rappen, as 205, but brassy coating, no date. Plain edge, 21mm

206: ½ Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “1/2” within open wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 18mm

206a: as 206, but shiny coated cardboard. Plain edge, 18mm

207: 1 Franc, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “1” within open wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 22mm

207a: as 207, but shiny coated cardboard. Plain edge, 22mm

208: 2 Francs, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “2” within open wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 26mm

208a: as 208, but shiny coated cardboard. Plain edge, 26mm

209: 5 Francs, silver coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “Fr. 5 ” within open wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 31mm

209a: as 209, but shiny coated cardboard. Plain edge, 31mm

210: 10 Francs, gold-coloured coated cardboard, no date. Obverse cross over rays, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAR *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “Fr. 10 ” within open wreath. Plain edge, 31mm. Rare

SCHULMÜNZE – MONNAIES ESCOLAIRE, MUSHROOM OBVERSE, NO DATE

Only one denomination known, and without clarity why the changed reverse. Both versions are rare.

215: 20 Rappen, grey cardboard, no date. Obverse mushroom in beaded circle, text “MONNAIES ESCOLAIRE *SCHULMÜNZE*”. Reverse “20” within wreath. Beaded border both sides. Plain edge, 21mm

215a: as 215, but in gold-coloured cardboard. Plain edge, 21mm

SIGG A. G. FRAUENFELD, ALUMINIUM, DATES 1944 – 1989

The company Sigg was founded in 1908, and moved to Frauenfeld in 1917, when it became an Aktiengesellschaft" (A.G.). The company produced a range of metalware for households, hotels. From before World War II the production of Aluminium and steel bottles became the main product lines.

Aluminium was used, and based on this a range of toy-coins was produced for the Swiss government for distribution as educational materials to Swiss primary schools. The earlies complete set of 5 denominations is dated 1944. The range was produced on demand, with not every denomination each year. The last dated toy-coin is dated 1989.

No pieces of 1 or 2 Rappen, 5 Francs have come to light – they may not exist……The company name "SIGG A.G" is written on all coins as "A.G. SIGG"……..

Apart from various dates, there are many different dies used throughout the years. On the portrait side, wreath, please not the difference in opening on the top. Examples of varieties of the 5 Rappen below…..The name A.G. SIGG is in letters that were "modernised" in front through the years. Pieces exist with crisp details, but also with far less clear details, rather vague, even if uncirculated, as from a "worn die". Enough varieties for the specialised collector, and without breaking the bank…..

At the end of the 1980's, plastic became a more popular material to make toy-coins from.

223: 5 Rappen, aluminium, 1944. Obverse head of Libertas right, text “A.G. SIGG FRAUENFELD” with year 1944 below. Reverse “5” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm. Rare

223a: as 223, but diameter 13mm. Various years

Years seen: 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1979 and 1989

224: 10 Rappen, aluminium, various dates. Obverse head of Libertas right, text “A.G. SIGG FRAUENFELD” with year below. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm.

Years seen: 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1970 and 1979

225: 20 Rappen, aluminium, various dates. Obverse head of Libertas right, text “A.G. SIGG FRAUENFELD” with year below. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm.

Years seen: 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1970 and 1979

227: 1 Franc, aluminium, various dates. Obverse 23 stars around Helvetia standing with spear and shield, “A.G. SIGG” in exergue. Reverse “1 Fr.” Within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm

Years seen: 1944, 1947, 1950, 1954, 1968, 1969, 1971 and 1979

228: 2 Francs, aluminium, various dates. Obverse 23 stars around Helvetia standing with spear and shield, “A.G. SIGG” in exergue. Reverse “2 Fr.” Within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm

Years seen: 1944, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1968, 1969 and 1979

228a: as 228 but incuse of the reverse. Plain edge, 16mm. Extremely Rare, only known piece

Examples different portraits on the 5 Rappen pieces. Other varieties may exist……

1944; larger diameter 16mm, large letters, hairband points to “U”, 1944 end at start neck

1945: 13mm, medium letters widely spaced, hairband points in-between “A” and “U”, 45 of 1945 before neck

1947: 13mm, medium letters narrowly spaced, hairband points to “A”, 7 of 1947 before neck

1949: 13mm, large letter widely spaced, hairband ends in “A”, 9 of 1949 touches start neck

1950: 13mm, medium letters widely spaced, hairband ends in between “A” and “U”, 1950 under the neck

1969: 13mm, smaller bust, medium square font letters, hairband ends in between “A” and “U”, 1969 under neck, closer to rim

1979: 13mm, larger bust, large letters, hairband ends in between “A” and “U”, 1979 in large numbers

1989: 13mm, large bust, large letters, none above the head, 1989 in large bold numbers

Examples different obverses 1 Franc pieces. Other varieties exist……

1944: wreath above fully closed. Bow tie square shaped.”1” and “Fr.” Wide apart

1947: small opening wreath above. Bow tie round shaped. “1” and “Fr” medium apart

1950: small opening wreath above, with right end wreat three leaves. Bow tie round and loops flat. “1” and “Fr” close together.1950 spaced wider

1954: medium opening wreath above, wreath more details. Bow tie round and higher loops. “1” and “Fr” wide apart

1968: small opening wreath above. Bow tie square shaped.”1” and “Fr.” medium apart

1969: large opening wreath above. Bow tie round shaped. “1” and “Fr” far apart

1971: medium opening wreath above, with right end wreath three leaves. Bow tie round and loops flat. “1” and “Fr” medium apart. 1971 in larger font.

1973: hardly any opening wreath above, wreath more details. Bow tie round and higher loops. “1” and “Fr” close together

SPIELGELD, KINDERSPIELGELD, PLASTIC, 1992

Modern playset with plastic coins, plus various banknotes…..including one set with both Swiss Francs and Euro banknotes, purpose unknown…….The coins are always the same, so we assume other than these six denominations no other toy-coins form part of this series.

304: 10 Rappen, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “KINDERSPIELGELD” 1992 below. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 12mm

305: 20 Rappen, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “KINDERSPIELGELD” 1992 below. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 14mm

306: 1/2 Franc, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “1/2 Fr.” with date 1992 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 12mm

307: 1 Franc, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “1 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 15mm

308: 2 Francs, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 15mm

309: 5 Francs, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Wilhelm Tell facing right, text above “KINDERSPIELGELD”. Reverse shield with cross, “5 FR. “ above shield, date 1992 below, wreath to left and right. Plain edge, 20mm

These sets contain banknotes, printed both sides, in clorour – combinations resembling the real banknotes, but much smaller, and simple quality paper. Included are :

Swiss Francs : 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 1’000,

Euros : 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500

RAVENSBURGER, EDITION CARLIT, WÜRENLOS, SWITZERLAND, SPIELGELD, 2004

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Spielgeld
Argent de jeu
Soldi da gioco
Inhalt: 4 x Fr. 5.— 14 x Fr. 10.—
Contenu: 4 x Fr. 2.— 14 x Fr. 20.—
Contenuto: 4 x Fr. 1.— 14 x Fr. 50.—
4 x Fr. –.50 14 x Fr. 100.—
4 x Fr. –.20 14 x Fr. 200.—
4 x Fr. –.10 14 x Fr. 1000.—
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A modern playset with plastic coins, plus various banknotes…..including one set with both Swiss Francs and Euro banknotes, purpose unknown…….The coins are always the same, so we assume other than these six denominations no other toy-coins form part of this series.

324: 10 Rappen, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “KINDERSPIELGELD” 1992 below. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 15mm

325: 20 Rappen, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “KINDERSPIELGELD” 1992 below. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm

326: 1/2 Franc, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “1/2 Fr.” with date 1992 below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

327: 1 Franc, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “1 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 18mm

328: 2 Francs, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 21mm

329: 5 Francs, grey thick plastic, 1992. Obverse Wilhelm Tell facing right, text above “KINDERSPIELGELD”. Reverse shield with cross, “5 FR. “above shield, date 1992 below, wreath to left and right. Plain edge, 24mm

These sets contain banknotes, printed both sides, in colour – combinations resembling the real banknotes, but much smaller, and simple quality paper. Included are:

Swiss Francs: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 1’000

SPIELGELD, CHR. TANNER, MÖGLINGEN, GERMANY, NO DATE

Another modern playset with plastic coins, plus various banknotes…..the coins are simplified compared to the real coins, on the obverse all without a date, on the reverse all with the logo of Tanner, plus the words "*PLAYMONEY*". The banknotes are in fancy colour-combinations, uniface, and all with diagonal "SPECIMEN".

334: 10 Rappen, grey thick plastic, no date. Obverse a large letter "T", the Tanner logo, in a triangle, nine stars left, right and above, and "*PLAYMONEY*" below.. Reverse "10" within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 15mm

335: 20 Rappen, grey thick plastic, no date.AS 334 but reverse "20" within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm

336: 1/2 Franc, grey thick plastic, no date. As 334 but reverse "1/2 Fr." all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

337: 1 Franc, grey thick plastic, no date. As 334 but reverse "1 Fr." all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

338: 2 Francs, grey thick plastic, no date. As 334 but reverse "2 Fr." all within a wreath. Plain edge, 13mm

339: 5 Francs, grey thick plastic, no date. As 334 but reverse shield with cross, "5 FR. "above shield, wreath to left and right. Plain edge, 24mm

These sets contain banknotes, printed both sides, in colour – combinations very different to the real banknotes, and much smaller, and simple quality paper. Included are:

Swiss Francs: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 1'000

UNKNOWN MANUFACTURER, PLAYMONEY, ABSTRACT DESIGNS, NO DATE

WET-STAMPS, WESTERMANN LERNWELTEN, GERMANY, NO DATE

A set of 8 stamps with a wooden handle, each outlining the rough image of Swiss coins in original diameters once as a stamped image. A modern set, popular for use at Swiss primary schools.

The set contains Rappen 1, 5, 10 and 20, Franc(s) ½, 1, 2 and 5.

SELDWYLA BANK AG, ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, NO DATE

Two sets of banknotes with Eurocheque's both sets from the "Seldwyla Bank AG". Not sure if they were the distributor or just lent their name to these sets of toy banknotes.

In both sets the toy banknotes of Francs 10, 20, 50 and 100 only. Different formats.

Set 1 : designs as the originals, uniface. 68mm X 35mm to 82mm X 36mm

Set 2: fancy designs, colours as the originals, uniface. 68mm X 35mm to 82mm X 36mm

KLETT VERLAG AG, ZUG, RECHENGELD ZUM SCHWEIZER ZAHLENBUCH, PAPPE, 1995

On sturdy cardboard sets of toy – coins and banknotes that can be pushed out. These were low-cost products for use at primary schools. Each coin and banknote look very similar to the real coins and banknotes circulation. All coins dated 1995, all banknotes in colour combinations like the real notes, but in smaller sizes. A cardboard sheet contains a number of each:

363: 5 Rappen, thick cardboard, light brown, 1995. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA” 1995 below. Reverse “5” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 16mm

364: 10 Rappen, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA” 1995 below. Reverse “10” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 18mm

365: 20 Rappen, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse head of Helvetia right. Text “CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA” 1995 below. Reverse “20” within an oak wreath. Plain edge, 20mm

366: 1/2 Franc, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars, “HELVETIA” in exergue. Reverse “1/2 Fr.” with date 1995B below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 18mm

367: 1 Franc, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars, “HELVETIA” in exergue. Reverse “1 Fr.” with date 1995Bbelow, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 22mm

368: 2 Francs, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse Helvetia standing with spear and shield, surrounded by 22 stars, “HELVETIA” in exergue. Reverse “2 Fr.” with date 1995B below, all within a wreath. Plain edge, 27mm

369: 5 Francs, thick cardboard, 1995. Obverse Wilhelm Tell facing right, text above "CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA". Reverse shield with cross, "5 FR. " above shield, date 1995B below, wreath to left and right. Plain edge, 30mm

370: 10 francs, yellow, brown and blue. 40mm X 24mm

371: 20 Francs, purple and black. 43mm X 24mm

372: 50 Francs, green. 47mm X 24mm

373: 100 Francs, blue. 52mm X 24mm

374: 200 Francs, brown and blue. 56mm X 24mm

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